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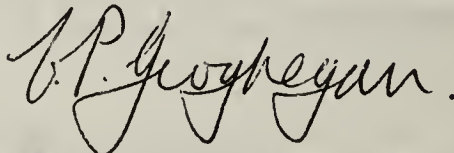
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Midhurst Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1963.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support, and to Mr. T. G. Henry and all members of the Staff for their work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

INTRODUCTION

There were 23,120 deaths due to accidents in England and Wales during 1962. Slightly less than one-third of these deaths were caused by road accidents and slightly more than a third by accidents in the home. The figures for 1963 have not yet been published, but there is no reason to expect that they will show any improvement on the 1962 figures, or that they will be markedly different one way or the other.

Accidents do not happen, they are caused, and for every fatal one hundreds more or less serious but not fatal occur in and around the house. These accidents show on no statistics and their total can only be guessed, but as every parent knows, or should know, most of them could have been prevented.

Burns to children are perhaps the most preventable injuries. All fires, whether open, gas or electric, must be guarded when there are children in the house. This is not only a commonsense precaution, it is a legal requirement on parents. Night dresses are more vulnerable to fire than pyjamas, and the latter should always be preferred for children. Scalds in the kitchen can be prevented by keeping pan handles from projecting over the edge of the cooker where inquisitive fingers can reach them. Matches must be kept away from children.

This catalogue of "do's and dont's" can be continued to cover poisoning (from medicines and household cleaning or disinfectant fluids), gas poisoning, electrocution and injuries due to falls, especially in children and old people.

The death roll on the roads is appalling and rightly the subject of nation wide propaganda and measures towards prevention, but the death roll in the home is worse and seems to cause little public concern. Almost everyone can help to prevent home accidents by a little forethought and common sense.

The detailed figures for Sussex for the 1961 Census became available early in 1964; they show how the size of the population is increasing and how its make-up in age groups is changing.

Analysis of the figures reveals clearly that in West Sussex there is a much higher proportion of "over 65's" than there is in England and Wales as a whole.

This simple undeniable fact cannot be repeated too often to all the Authorities concerned - Welfare, Housing and Hospitals.

Percentage of Census Population over the age of 65 years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Midhurst R.D.</u>	<u>West Sussex</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1931	10.2	11.1	7.4
1951	15.5	17.2	10.9
1961	16.1	18.8	11.9

Comparison with other parts of the Country shows that the proportion of old people in the Midhurst district whilst it is higher than it is in the neighbouring Chichester district, is not increasing so rapidly. (The percentage in Chichester district increased from 12.6% to 15.1% between 1951 and 1961)

The emigration of retired people into Sussex is more concentrated near the sea coast than it is in this area, nevertheless any provision for accommodation for old people (be it hospital, welfare, or special housing provision) must be made on a scale well above the national scale, and in those parts of the County worst affected it must allow for an expanding expansion of the need for it.

Section I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is an agricultural and residential one occupying the North-Western corner of West Sussex. The Counties of Hampshire and Surrey lie to the West and North respectively, Chichester Rural District to the South, and Petworth to the East.

Apart from agriculture, there are other minor industries providing employment, and holiday traffic brings a considerable amount of trade to hotels and cafes.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in Acres	..	..	..	..	67,035
Number of Parishes	..	..	..	..	25
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population:					
					17,890
					17,890
Number of Dwellings	..	..	..	..	6,060
Rateable Value (March 1964)	..	..	..	..	£648,736
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March 1964)	..	..	..	..	£ 2,550

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT								Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex Districts		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate				Rural	Urban	
		M	F	Number	%					
1962	229	113	116	20	8.73	12.80	13.82	14.7	14.8	18.0
1963	265	153	112	15	5.66	14.81	16.58	14.6	15.3	18.2

Stillbirths.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT				Rate per 1000 total (live & still) Births		Rate per 1000 population	
Total number (after adjustment for transfers				Midhurst R. D.	England and Wales	Midhurst R. D.	England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex					
		M	F				
1962	4	2	2	17.16	18.1	0.22	0.33
1963	4	4	-	14.87	17.3	0.22	0.32

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Total (live and still) Births

<u>1963</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live births	..	153	112	265
Still births	..	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
		<u>157</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>269</u>

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 Year.

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS			
MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT					Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate		R.D's	U.D's.	
		M	F					
1962	-	-	-	-	-	22.1	18.7	21.4
1963	5	4	1	-	18.86	15.3	19.4	20.9

Infant Mortality Rates - Midhurst Rural District		
Year	Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births
1962	-	-
1963	20.00	-

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962
Total Deaths	4	Nil	3	Nil	7	4
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	15.09	-	11.32	-		
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and still births					26.02	17.16

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

Midhurst R.D.		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1962	Nil	-	-	0.5	0.35
1963	Nil	-	-	-	0.28

Deaths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT						WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	
		M	F					
1962	300	132	168	16.77	9.39	14.2	14.9	11.9
1963	353	163	190	19.73	12.82	15.0	16.0	12.2

When dealing with a small population such as that of this District, a certain random fluctuation from year to year in birth and death rates is to be expected. This is illustrated by the figures for the last ten years shown on Page 11.

Of the total deaths recorded during 1963, 293 or 83% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over; and 235 or 66% in persons aged 75 years or over.

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were:-

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
(i) Diseases of heart & circulatory system	163 (46%)	100 (33%)
(ii) Vascular lesions of nervous system	71 (20%)	68 (23%)
(iii) Neoplasms (growths)	48 (13%)	49 (16%)
(iv) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..	40 (11%)	37 (12%)

These four causes accounted for 322 or 91% of the total deaths.

A table at the end of this Section shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death in 1963.

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

During the year deaths exceeded births by 88, and the Registrar-General's estimate of population at mid 1963 showed no increase over the 1962 estimate.

Death Rates per 1,000 population from:

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0.05	0.11
Tuberculosis (Other Forms) ..	Nil	Nil
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..	2.23	2.06
Cancer	2.68	2.74

Number of Deaths from:

Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough & Diphtheria	1	Nil
Death Rate per 1,000 population	0.05	-
Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years)	1	Nil
Death Rate per 1,000 live births	3.77	-

Table of causes of Death at different periods of Life - 1963

R.G. List No	Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Y e a r s									
				0-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+			
1	ALL CAUSES	M	163	3	1	-	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	
		F	190	1	-	-	1	1	2	3	7	13	27	139	
8	Tuberculosis, respiratory Measles	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
11	Ditto lung, bronchus	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12	Ditto breast	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13	Ditto uterus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	5	7	5	
		F	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	6	
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	23	
		F	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	33	
18	Coronary disease, angina	M	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	9	18	
		F	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	2	
19	Hypertension with heart disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	20	
20	Other heart disease	M	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	34	
		F	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	12	
21	Other circulatory disease	M	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	16	
		F	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	
22	Influenza	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
		F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
23	Pneumonia	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	
		F	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	
24	Bronchitis	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
29	Hyperplasia, prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
31	Congenital malformations	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
32	Other defined & ill-defined diseases	M	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	4	
		F	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
33	Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34	All other accidents	M	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	

No deaths were recorded as due to : (2) Tuberculosis, Other;

(3) Syphilitic Diseases; (4) Diphtheria; (5) Whooping Cough;
 (6) Meningococcal Infections; (7) Acute Poliomyelitis; (16) Diabetes;
 (30) Pregnancy, etc. & (35) Suicide; (36) Homicide and operations of
 war.

Table showing Vital Statistics for the Years 1954 - 1963.

Year	Estimated Population	Total Live Births			Birth Rate			Total Deaths			Death Rate			Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural increase population
		M	F	Total	Crude	Comp. Factor	Corr.	M	F	Total	Crude	Comp. Factor	Corr.	Infant Deaths				
														M	F	Total		
1954	16,960	121	112	233	13.73	1.09	14.96	141	114	255	15.03	0.73	10.97	2	2	4	17.16	-22
1955	16,980	147	115	262	15.42	1.09	16.80	126	123	249	14.66	0.73	10.70	2	1	3	11.45	13
1956	16,980	114	106	220	12.95	1.09	14.11	149	184	283	16.66	0.58	9.66	-	5	5	22.72	-63
1957	16,990	100	111	211	12.41	1.08	13.40	122	114	236	13.89	0.66	9.16	1	1	2	9.47	-25
1958	16,940	102	115	217	12.80	1.08	13.82	137	124	261	15.40	0.60	9.24	1	2	3	13.82	-44
1959	17,010	130	119	249	14.63	1.08	15.80	151	101	252	14.81	0.59	8.73	-	-	-	-	- 3
1960	17,150	107	122	229	13.35	1.08	14.41	128	158	286	16.67	0.63	10.50	4	1	5	21.83	-57
1961	17,520	122	105	227	12.95	1.08	13.98	119	130	249	14.21	0.64	9.09	3	2	5	21.55	-22
1962	17,890	113	116	229	12.80	1.08	13.82	132	168	300	16.77	0.56	9.39	-	-	-	-	-71
1963	17,890	153	112	265	14.81	1.12	16.58	163	190	353	19.73	0.65	12.82	4	1	5	18.86	-88

Section II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Hospitals

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment in the District are as follows:-

King Edward VII Hospital, Easebourne.
Royal West Sussex Hospital, ISOLATION, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester.
Royal West Sussex Hospital, ST. RICHARD'S, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester.
Royal West Sussex Hospital, BROYLE ROAD, Chichester.
Midhurst Cottage Hospital.
Petworth Cottage Hospital.
Haslemere Hospital.
Petersfield Hospital.
Horsham General Hospital.
Worthing Hospital.
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea.
Sussex Maternity & Women's Hospital, Brighton.
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington.
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital.

Except for the King Edward VII Hospital, all the above are administered by the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

Laboratory Service

Examinations carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Portsmouth, during 1963 were as follows:-

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>	<u>Number Examined</u>
(a) Ice Cream	10
(b) Milk (Pathological) ..	117
(c) Milk (Biological) ..	8
(d) Water	127
	<hr/>
TOTAL :-	262
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Ambulances

The Local Health Authorities (the West Sussex County Council and the Surrey County Council) provide an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Midhurst and Haslemere.

The same Authorities are also responsible for the Hospital Car Service.

General Provision of Health Services (Contd.)

Home Nursing and Midwifery.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses, are employed by the West Sussex County Council to serve in the Rural District.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Ante-Natal Clinics	-	held at Petworth (discontinued 2. 12. 63)
Infant Welfare Centres	-	held at Camelsdale, Midhurst and Petworth.
Infant Weighing Centres	-	held at Fernhurst, Graffham, Lodsworth, Harting, Milland, Northchapel, and Rogate.
Orthopaedic Clinic	-	held at Chichester.
Eye Clinic	-	held at Chichester.
Speech Therapy Clinic	-	held at Chichester and Midhurst.
Chest Clinic	-	held at Aldingbourne Chest Hospital.
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.
Dental Clinic	-	Mobile Dental Unit operates in the area.

Nursing Homes.

Four Nursing Homes in the District are registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936, providing a total accommodation for 142 patients, mostly for aged chronic cases.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Section 47 - No action was necessary during the year.

Section 50 - One burial was carried out during the year.

Section III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

The North West Sussex Water Board supplies the southern half of the District and the Wey Valley Water Company the northern part. These two Water Undertakers provide main water to all parishes in the district, 5,380 properties having a supply within the dwellings with very few exceptions.

Private Estates supply water to 604 houses.

Details of the supplies in each of the Parishes as at 31st December, 1963, are given in the table at the end of this Section.

NORTH WEST SUSSEX WATER BOARD UNDERTAKERS

Rotherfield Bore Supply, Easebourne - to the Parishes of Bepton, Easebourne, Midhurst, Stedham, West Lavington and Woolbeding.

The number of houses supplied from this source is 1,477.

Slade Lane Bore Supply, Rogate - to the Parishes of Chithurst, Elsted, Harting, Iping, Linch, Rogate, Stedham, Treyford, Trotton and Woolbeding.

During the year 280 yards of 4" asbestos cement main was laid at Rogate in connection with the Council's new housing site, 24 yards of 3" asbestos cement main at Mill Lane, South Harting, 120 yards of 4" asbestos cement main at Milland Cross Roads, 25 yards of 4" asbestos cement main to Burrow Farm, Milland, and 6" main at Cumberspark, Trotton.

1,304 houses are supplied by this scheme.

Lodsworth Bore Supply, Lodsworth - to the Parishes of Bepton, Cocking, Easebourne, East Lavington, Graffham, Heyshott, Lodsworth, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, South Ambersham and Tillington.

During the year, the Board laid 135 yards of 4" asbestos cement main in Crypt Lane, 85 yards of 4" asbestos cement main in Church Walk, Cocking, and lengths of 4" main at the White House, Tillington.

This source supplies 953 houses.

All the above three sources of supply are inter-connected.

Water Supply (Contd.)

WEY VALLEY WATER COMPANY.

Water is supplied to the Parishes of Fernhurst, Harting, Iping, Linchmere, North Ambersham, Rogate and Trotton.

No new mains have been laid by the Company during the year apart from renewals and alterations necessitated by the County Council's road improvement schemes.

The total number of houses supplied is 1,604.

PRIVATE ESTATE WATER SUPPLIES.

As can be seen from the table at the end of this Section, there has been a big reduction in the number of houses supplied by private estates. This is due to the fact that the Cowdray Estate supplies to Bepton, Cocking, and Heyshott were discontinued and the houses connected to the North West Sussex Water Board's new mains.

Water Analyses.

A total of 127 samples of water were taken and submitted for examination and the following table gives details of the results obtained:-

Source	No. of Samples Taken	E x a m i n a t i o n			
		Bacteriological		Chemical	
		S	U	S	U
North West Sussex Water Board Mains	38	33	2	3	-
Wey Valley Water Company Mains	27	25	-	2	-
Private Estate Supplies	58	50	5	3	-
Individual Private Supplies	4	3	1	-	-
TOTAL:	127	111	8	8	-

Note: S = Satisfactory. U = Unsatisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage.

State of Household Sanitation in the District:

Houses with water closets drained to sewers	-	3,194 (52.6%)
Houses with water closets drained to septic tanks and cesspools	-	2,398 (39.7%)
Houses with earth, pail or chemical closets	-	468 (7.7%)
Total Dwellings:		<u>6,060</u>

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

Houses Drained to the Council's Sewers:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Drainage Scheme</u>	<u>Houses Drained to sewer</u>	<u>Number of Houses in Parish</u>
Chithurst	Chorley Common	4)	
	Cartersland Corner	12)	81
Cocking	Cocking	108	168
Heyshott	Cocking	1)	
	Austens and Bakersfield	20)	129
Elsted	Hill View	14	64
Graffham	Woodcote	10)	
	Guillods	22)	205
Easebourne	Midhurst, Easebourne and West Lavington	471	575
Midhurst	-ditto-	751	760
West Lavington	-ditto-	105	192
Woolbeding	-ditto-	2)	
	Claypit	4)	70
Fernhurst	Fernhurst Village	336)	
	Northern Fernhurst and Linchmere	221)	804
Linchmere	-ditto-	405	527
North Ambersham	-ditto-	17	65
Lodsworth	Berryfield	2)	
	Barnfield	6)	
	Beechfield	6)	203
Lurgashall	Lurgashall Village	38	195
Harting	Harting	243)	
	Furze Meadow	12)	
	Knightsfield	4)	
	Nyewood	26)	455
Rogate	Knowles Meadow	18)	
	Rogate Village	166)	515
Trotton	Mill Lane	30	177
Stedham	Great House Farm	28	207
Tillington	Tillington	137	233
		<u>3,219</u>	<u>5,625</u>

In addition to the drainage schemes carried out in the Parishes mentioned in the table above, the main drainage scheme for Stedham and Iping Village was practically completed and at the time of writing this report some of the houses on the lines of the sewers were being connected thereto.

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

Main drainage schemes are still required for North Bepton, Cocking Causeway area of the Parishes of Cocking and West Lavington, Selham Road and Church Lane in the Parish of West Lavington, Lodsworth Village, Graffham, Heyshott, Hill Brow, Rake and Elsted.

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection

The refuse collection service provided by the Council is as follows:-

ONCE WEEKLY: Midhurst; Easebourne (Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School only, and Dodsley); West Lavington (Chichester Road - South Pond to Station only).

FORTNIGHTLY: Bepton; Chithurst; Cocking; Easebourne (except Lutener Road, Easebourne Street - Post Office to School, and Dodsley); East Lavington; Elsted; Fernhurst; Graffham; Harting; Heyshott; Iping; Linch; Linchmere; Lodsworth; Lurgashall; North Ambersham; Rogate; South Ambersham; Stedham; Tillington; Treyford; Trotton; West Lavington (except Chichester Road - South Pond to Station); Woolbeding.

All refuse was deposited on the tip at Holmbush until the new refuse tip opened in August at Pendean in the Parish of West Lavington.

Cesspool Emptying Service

This work is carried out by the Council's own vehicle and where required four free emptyings a year are given. The number of emptyings during the year was 1,270.

Shops Act, 1950.

70 visits were made to shops and offices during the year. One sanitary convenience was repaired, washing facilities were provided in four cases, and sanitary conveniences provided in three cases.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the area.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Licences were granted under this Act in respect of six sites. The sites were generally for individual caravans with the exception of one where the maximum number of caravans stationable was 150, during the summer months.

Factories Act, 1961 - Part I.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	20	15	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	53	19	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	73	34	2	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases where prosecutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Reme- died (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temp: (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate vent: (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or def:	-	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	3	-	-	-

Factories Act (Contd.)

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork.

(Sections 133 and 134)

Two outworkers were notified during the year, both in connection with the making of wearing apparel.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year 898 infestations were dealt with and some 6,084 rats and 2,279 mice were destroyed.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no premises in the district at which rag flock is used or sold.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

There are no premises in the district licensed under this Act.

Schools.

All the schools in the district have waterborne sanitation and 15 visits were made to school premises.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Visits made:

Housing - first visits	..	..	..	1,428
Housing - re-visits	..	..	..	1,129
Housing applications	..	..	..	197
Overcrowding	..	..	..	221
Drainage and sanitary conveniences	..	..	..	919
Water Supplies	..	..	..	184
Privies, ditches and cesspools	..	..	..	294
Refuse and accumulations	..	..	..	119
Verminous premises	..	..	..	51
Rats and Mice destruction	..	..	..	6,732
Schools	..	..	..	15
Moveable dwellings	..	..	..	49
Factories Act	..	..	..	34
Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	3
Shops Act	..	..	..	70
Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops and Other				
Food Premises	..	..	..	460
Total carried forward:-				11,905

Sanitary Inspection of the Area (Contd.)

Total brought forward	..	..	..	11,905
Dairies and Milk Distributors	..	..	..	113
Noise Abatement Act	10
Smoke Abatement	9
Miscellaneous	75

TOTAL VISITS	12,112
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Complaints received	74
Informal Notices served	366
Informal Notices complied with	353
Statutory Notices served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936	..	..	..	5
Statutory Notices complies with	..	..	..	4

Summary of Sanitary Work and Improvements under Public Health and Housing Acts

Baths provided	..	..	..	126
Ceilings repaired or renewed	..	..	..	64
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	..	..	..	36
Cooking ranges repaired or renewed	..	..	..	47
Damp walls remedied	..	..	..	53
Doors repaired or renewed	..	..	..	41
Drainage system cleared or repaired	..	..	..	73
Drainage systems provided	..	..	..	60
Firegrates repaired or renewed	..	..	..	51
Food stores provided or repaired	..	..	..	39
Foul accumulations removed	..	..	..	15
Floors repaired or renewed	..	..	..	75
Fuel Stores provided or repaired	..	..	..	18
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	..	..	..	56
Hot and cold water systems provided	..	..	..	142
Houses cleansed and redecorated	..	..	..	62
Plaster repaired or renewed	..	..	..	55
Refuse bins provided	..	..	..	17
Roofs repaired or renewed	..	..	..	64
Sinks provided	..	..	..	81
Stairs repaired or renewed	..	..	..	24
Verminous premises disinfested	..	..	..	12
Water supplies laid on into dwellings	..	..	..	27
Water closets provided or repaired	..	..	..	129
Windows enlarged, provided or repaired	..	..	..	55
Walls repaired	..	..	..	46
Wash-hand basins provided	..	..	..	149
Yard paving provided or repaired	..	..	..	23

Midhurst Rural District - Water Supplies, 1963.

Parish	Area (Acres)	Estim- ated Popul- ation	No. of houses in Parish	Houses with piped water from		Houses with Wells, Springs or Rainwater Tanks
				Public Mains	Private Estates	
Bpton	1910	280	102	101	-	1
Chithurst	1200	230	81	71	6	4
Cocking	2596	500	168	166	1	1
Easebourne	4214	1770	575	377	198	-
East Lavington	1977	560	85	29	55	1
Elsted	1840	210	64	59	3	2
Fernhurst	4950	2310	804	766	34	4
Graffham	2137	500	205	118	85	2
Harting	7946	1230	455	398	46	11
Heyshott	2184	330	129	127	-	2
Iping	2235	430	151	139	10	2
Linch	850	60	25	13	11	1
Linchmere	2066	1510	527	520	6	1
Lodsworth	2441	570	203	199	3	1
Lurgashall	4815	540	195	136	45	14
Midhurst	669	2200	760	760	-	-
North Ambersham	1168	310	65	48	17	-
Rogate	5692	1650	515	505	4	6
South Ambersham	1502	100	31	11	18	2
Stedham	2493	660	207	173	34	-
Tillington	3816	590	233	223	4	6
Treyford	2098	100	41	37	-	4
Trotton	3707	510	177	162	11	4
West Lavington	678	540	192	189	3	-
Woolbeding	1851	200	70	53	10	7
TOTALS	67035	17890	6060	5380	604	76
Percentage of Total Dwellings				89%	10%	1%
				99%		

Estimated population deriving water from:

(a) Public Mains	..	..	..	..	15,901
(b) Private Estate Mains	..	..	..	..	1,769
(c) Other sources	..	..	..	..	220

Section IV.

HOUSING

At the close of 1963, the Council's list of housing applicants showed 443 outstanding cases as compared with 394 in 1962.

99 new houses were completed during the year (67 private and 32 Council houses).

Housing Act, 1957.

Action was taken under Section 16 of this Act which resulted in four Undertakings being accepted, and three Closing Orders and five Demolition Orders being made.

Improvement Grants.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Discretionary Grants.

Under the "Discretionary" Grant Scheme grant can be obtained up to one-half of the cost of carrying out the improvements subject to a maximum of £400, the dwelling on completion of the works being brought up to a definite standard laid down. As its name implies, the giving of grant under this scheme is entirely at the discretion of the Council, but in the case of a refusal the Council must give its reasons.

During the year applications were received for the improvement of 34 dwellings. Of these, 32 were approved, and 2 were under consideration.

The number of houses reconditioned during 1963 with the aid of this grant was 44. Since the Act came into force the number of houses completed is 482.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants.

Under the "Standard" Grant Scheme it is compulsory for the Council to give grants not exceeding one-half of the cost and up to a maximum of £155 for the provision of bath, water closet, wash-hand basin, hot and cold water system and larder, the maximum to be reduced by £25 if there is a bath in existence, by £40 if there is a water closet, by £5 if there is a wash-hand basin, by £75 if there is a hot and cold water system, and by £10 if there is a larder, subject to the dwelling in question being fit after the above amenities have been provided.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants (Contd.)

During the year applications were received in respect of 32 dwellings, and improvements have been carried out with the aid of this grant at 25 dwellings. Since the Act came into force the total number of houses completed is 60.

Rent Act, 1957.

During the year one Certificate of Disrepair was issued under the provisions of this Act.

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise.

The 67 houses built privately during 1963 are situated in the following parishes:-

Bpton	1	Iping	11
Chithurst	1	Linchmere	4
Cocking	2	Lurgashall	1
Easebourne	1	Midhurst	10
East Lavington	1	North Ambersham	1
Fernhurst	7	Rogate	7
Graffham	2	Treyford	3
Harting	9	Trotton	1
Heyshott	2	West Lavington	2
		Woolbeding	1

Requisitioned Premises.

No properties were under requisition during 1963.

Housing Statistics

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	.. .. .	1,428
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		2,557
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects fit for habitation	..	324

2. Remedying of Defects without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority	290
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Housing Statistics (Contd.)

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

(a) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 5 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice: | |
| (a) by owners | 4 |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners | Nil |

(b) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:

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| (1) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made | 5 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders .. | 5 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that works will be carried out to render the house fit for human habitation .. | 1 |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that they will not be used for human habitation until made fit | 3 |
| (5) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made .. | 3 |

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

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| (a) | (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | 4 |
| | (ii) Number of families dwelling therein | 6 |
| | (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein | 26 |
| (b) | Number of new cases of overcrowding during 1963 | 6 |
| (c) | (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1963 | 4 |
| | (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases | 32 |
| (d) | Particulars of any such cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps to abate the overcrowding | Nil |

Houses Erected by the Local Authority.

Parish and Address		Pre-War	1947 1962	1963	Former Hs. Soc.	Grand Total
CHITHURST	- Chorley Common Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Cartersland Corner	-	12	-	-	16
COCKING	- Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	-	
	The Croft	-	43	-	-	51
EASEBOURNE	- Canada Cottages	12	-	-	-	
	Cowdray Road	-	34	-	-	
	Fox Road	-	20	-	-	
	Montague Road	-	32	-	-	
	Egmont Road	-	12	-	6	
	Egmont House, Egmont Road (Old People's home of 24 flatlets & Warden's flat)	-	1	-	-	117
ELSTED	- Hill View Cottages	4	8	-	-	12
FERNHURST	- Dale Copse Cottages	6	-	-	-	
	Old Glebe Cottages	-	40	-	-	
	Nappers Wood	-	110	-	-	
	Camelsdale House	-	-	8	-	164
GRAFFHAM	- Woodcote Cottages	5	2	-	-	
	Guillod Cottages	-	22	-	-	29
HARTING	- Loppers Ash Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Knightsfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Wellfield Cottages	8	-	-	-	
	Culvers, South Harting	-	62	-	-	
	Furze Meadow, Nyewood	-	12	-	-	90
HEYSHOTT	- Austens Cottages	4	4	-	-	
	Leggatts Flats	-	4	-	-	
	Bakersfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	16
IPING	- Crossways Cottages	4	-	-	-	4
LINCHMERE	- The Spinney (Hammer Lane)	-	6	-	-	
	Hammer Hill Cottages	-	82	-	-	88
LODSWORTH	- Berryfield Cottages	2	-	-	-	
	Barnfield Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Beechfield Cottages	-	6	-	-	12
LURGASHALL	- Greengate Cottages	4	16	-	-	20
MIDHURST	- Barnplat Cottages	12	-	-	-	
	June Meadow	-	12	-	-	
	Nine Acres	-	22	-	-	
	June Rise	-	-	-	8	
	Sandrook Cottages	-	-	24	-	78
Totals c/fwd.		89	562	32	14	697

Parish and Address		Pre-War	1947-1962	1963	Former Hs.Soc.	Grand Total
	Total b/fwd.	89	562	32	14	697
ROGATE	- Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	Parsonage Cottages	-	36	-	-	
	Knowles Meadow	-	18	-	-	
	Terwick Rise	-	18	-	-	76
STEDHAM	- Common View Cottages	-	10	-	-	10
TILLINGTON	- Willetts Field Cottages	4	-	-	-	
	The Harrows	-	28	-	-	32
TROTTON	- Mill Lane Cottages	12	18	-	-	30
WEST						
LAVINGTON	- Taylors Field Cottages	-	48	-	-	
	Taylors Rise	-	-	-	8	
	New Road	-	24	-	-	80
WOOLBEDING	- Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	-	4
TOTALS:		113	762	32	22	929

Houses Purchased by the Local Authority:

1, Austens Cottages, Heyshott (formerly C.278, Heyshott)
 Foundry Cottages, Heyshott.
 St. Richard's Flats, June Lane, Midhurst
 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Railway Terrace, Midhurst.
 Sandrook Flats, Petersfield Road, Midhurst.

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Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply

Number of:

Inspections of dairies and milk premises	..	113
Producer Distributors with farms in the District	.. .. .	5
Retail dairies (not producing milk) in the District	.. .. .	3
Milk Distributors with dairies outside the District	.. .. .	6

Seventy-seven samples of milk taken from distributors during the year were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test, and of these, 70 were reported upon as satisfactory.

Forty samples of Pasteurised Milk were taken and submitted to the Phosphatase Test, and all of these were satisfactory.

Eight samples of milk taken from farms whose milk is retailed in the district were submitted for biological examination and reported free from Tubercle Bacilli.

Meat and Other Foods

Most of the meat consumed in the district is slaughtered elsewhere, supplies being delivered mainly from Chichester, Petersfield, Haslemere and London.

The following is a summary of butchers' shops etc. in the District together with details of inspections of these premises carried out during the year:-

Number of:-

Butchers' shops	.. .. .	8
Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation and manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed pickled or preserved food intended for sale for human consumption	.. .. .	9
Visits made to the above premises	.. .. .	221
Premises registered for the sale of ice cream		70
Visits made to ice cream premises	.. .. .	68

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the district.

Ten samples of ice cream were taken from dealers and submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test. All were satisfactory.

Bakehouses.

There are 7 bakehouses in use in the district and during the year 7 inspections were made.

Other Food Premises.

Details of other food premises in the district, together with inspections made during the year, are set out herewith:-

Cafes, Restaurants, Private Hotels and				
Guest Houses	..	..	..	17
Visits made to such premises	..	..	52	
Grocers and General Shops	..	..	..	42
Fishmongers and Poultry Shops	..	..	..	3
Greengrocery Shops	..	..	..	6
Sweet Shops	..	..	..	8
Visits made to such premises	..	..	119	

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960.

All food premises in the district are inspected from time to time and every opportunity is taken to impress on all concerned the need for cleanliness of persons, premises and utensils.

Twenty-one informal notices were served during the year and most of these were complied with.

Meat and Other Foods Condemned at Food Shops

Pork	..	..	..	7 lbs.
Chopped Pork (1 tin)	..	..	..	4 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

Two slaughtermen are licensed under the provisions of this Act.

Section VI.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES.

Details of notifications of infectious diseases received during 1963 are set out on Page 32.

Cancer.

Deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 48 (27 males, 21 females) - 49 deaths in 1962. The Cancer Death Rate is 2.68 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 2.74 in 1962. The corresponding rate for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex is 2.6.

Localisation of the Disease.

					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brain	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
Alimentary Tract and Digestive System:							
Tongue	..	..	..		-	-	-
Larynx	..	..	..		2	-	2
Thyroid	..	..	..		-	-	-
Oesophagus	..	..	..		1	1	2
Stomach	..	..	..		3	2	5
Caecum	..	..	..		-	1	1
Colon	..	..	..		1	4	5
Rectum	..	..	..		1	-	1
Liver	..	..	..		2	1	3
Pancreas	..	..	..		-	1	1
Respiratory System:							
Lung, Bronchus		..	..		4	1	5
Urinary Organs:							
Bladder	..	..	..		2	1	3
Kidney	..	..	..		-	-	-
Male Genital Organs:							
Prostate	..	..	..		3	-	3
Female Genital Organs:							
Ovary	..	..	..		-	2	2
Uterus	..	..	..		-	1	1
Breast	..	..	..	..	-	3	3
Leukaemia	..	..	..	..	-	1	1
Other sites	..	..	..		6	1	7
Lymphosarcoma	..	..	..		1	1	2
TOTALS:-					<u>27</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>48</u>

Diphtheria.

(a) Notifications. No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1963, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Immunisation. Immunisation against Diphtheria is carried out either at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics or by the General Practitioners and set out herewith are details of injections given during 1963:-

Antigen	Primary Injections	Reinforcing Injections
Diphtheria	-	-
Diphtheria and Whooping Cough	-	-
Diphtheria and Tetanus	109	114
Triple Antigen	135	42
Quadruple Vaccine	1	-

Measles.

271 Notifications of Measles were received during 1963 (98 in 1962).

Pneumonia.

9 cases of Pneumonia were notified (Nil in 1962).

Notifications of this disease bear little relationship to its incidence however. There were 19 deaths registered as due to Pneumonia.

Tuberculosis.

13 cases were added to the Register (8 primary notifications and 5 cases moving into the district as transfers from other areas).

7 cases were removed from the Register 5 patients having recovered, 1 who left the district and 1 who was found non-tuberculous. 1 death was recorded as due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the year is 0.05 per 1,000 of the home population (0.11 in 1962). The death rate for the Administrative County is 0.06.

The table overleaf gives details of the number of cases on the Register.

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients - 1963.

	Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (All Forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register at 1st January 1963	34	33	67	5	6	11	39	39	78
Cases restored to Register in 1963	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Notification received in 1963	5	2	7	-	-	-	5	2	7
Cases moved into area as transfers	5	1	6	-	-	-	5	1	6
TOTALS:	44	36	80	5	6	11	49	42	91
Cases removed from Register in 1963	3	4	7	-	-	-	3	4	7
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963.	41	32	73	5	6	11	46	38	84

The following table shows the number of cases added to the Register annually for the last ten years, together with details of the total cases on the Register during this period:-

Year	New Cases added to the Register			Total cases on Register at 31st December		
	Total	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1954	8	7	1	58	46	12
1955	15	14	1	68	56	12
1956	6	6	-	66	56	10
1957	4	4	-	62	54	8
1958	12	12	-	71	63	8
1959	8	8	-	76	68	8
1960	12	10	2	81	72	9
1961	8	6	2	79	68	11
1962	4	4	-	78	67	11
1963	7	7	-	84	73	11

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Table showing Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1963.

Disease	Cases Notified			Total Deaths	Age Distribution of Notified Cases									
	M	F	Total		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-65-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-
Measles	144	127	271	1	-	15	19	19	29	161	23	5	-	-
Tuberculosis - respiratory	5	2	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2 3
Meningococcal infection	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	6	3	9	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2 3
Food Poisoning	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	160	134	294	21	1	15	19	20	30	163	24	10	2	4 6

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases:-

- | | | |
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| Cholera | Malaria | Poliomyelitis |
| Diphtheria | Plague | Puerperal Pyrexia |
| Encephalitis | Membranous Croup | Relapsing Fever |
| Enteric Fevers | Ophthalmia Neonatorum | Smallpox |
| Erysipelas | | Typhus Fever |

Infectious Disease Notifications 1954 - 1963.

Disease	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Dysentery	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fevers (Typhoid (Typhoid (Paratyphoid	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	1
Measles	1	113	366	40	42	122	5	273	98	271
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	8	19	5	10	2	11	-	12	-	9
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic (Paralytic (Non-Paralytic	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	1	2	3	4	-	3	1	-	1
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary (Pulmonary (Non-Pulmonary	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	14	16	32	14	3	-	14	3	-	4